

Annapurna Yojana 2026: Eligible Women to Receive Rs 3,000 Monthly Through DBT

The Annapurna Yojana 2026 has emerged as one of the biggest women-focused welfare schemes announced in West Bengal.

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Under this scheme, eligible women are expected to receive Rs 3,000 every month directly into their Aadhaar-linked bank accounts through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system. The scheme is designed to strengthen financial independence among women and improve household economic security across the state. The new scheme is being introduced as an upgraded replacement for the earlier

Key Highlights of Annapurna Yojana

Lakshmi Bhandar scheme. Existing beneficiaries are likely to be automatically migrated into the new system after verification and Aadhaar-bank account linking. The government has also started awareness campaigns and verification drives to ensure smooth distribution of benefits.

Feature	Details
Scheme Name	Annapurna Yojana / Annapurna Bhandar Scheme
Monthly Benefit	Rs 3,000 per month
Payment Method	Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)
Beneficiaries	Eligible women residents of West Bengal
Expected Rollout	June 2026
Required Documents	Aadhaar Card, Bank Account, Mobile Number
Age Limit	Generally 25 to 60 years
Official Department	Women and Child Development and Social Welfare Department

Eligibility Criteria

Women applying for the Annapurna Yojana must fulfill certain eligibility conditions. According to recent reports and notifications, the scheme mainly targets women from economically weaker households. Applicants are generally expected to be permanent residents of West Bengal and must have an Aadhaar-linked bank account to receive DBT payments. Women who are permanent government employees, pension holders, or income taxpayers may not qualify for the scheme. Existing Lakshmi Bhandar beneficiaries may be automatically shifted into the new scheme after verification. Authorities are also conducting e-KYC verification to remove duplicate or inactive records.

Required Documents

To complete the application or verification process, applicants may need the following documents: •

Aadhaar Card

- Active Mobile Number
- Aadhaar-linked Bank Account
- Residence Proof
- Passport Size Photograph
- Income-related documents if required
- Existing scheme registration details (if already enrolled in Lakshmir Bhandar)

How DBT Payment Works

The Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system is one of the most important parts of the Annapurna Yojana.

Through DBT, the government sends financial assistance directly into the beneficiary's bank account without involving middlemen. This process improves transparency and reduces delays in payments.

Beneficiaries are advised to ensure that their Aadhaar number is correctly linked with their bank account. If the Aadhaar-bank linking is incomplete, payments may fail or get delayed. Many women across West Bengal have already started visiting banks and post offices to update their DBT details before the official rollout.

How to Apply for Annapurna Yojana

The government is expected to provide both online and offline application options. Existing beneficiaries may not need to submit a fresh form if their records are already verified. New applicants may be required to register through the official portal once registrations begin. Steps likely involved in the application process:

1. Visit the official scheme portal or designated office.
2. Fill in personal and bank account details.
3. Upload Aadhaar and supporting documents.
4. Complete e-KYC verification.
5. Submit the application and save the reference number.
6. Wait for verification and DBT approval.

Major Benefits of the Scheme

The Annapurna Yojana is expected to provide major financial relief to women and low-income households. The Rs 3,000 monthly support can help families manage daily expenses such as food, education, healthcare, and household needs. Experts believe the scheme may improve women's financial participation and provide direct economic support at the grassroots level. Apart from financial assistance,

the DBT-based system also encourages digital banking awareness and Aadhaar-linked financial inclusion. The scheme may especially benefit women living in rural and semi-urban regions.

Important Points for Beneficiaries

Applicants should avoid fake websites and unofficial agents claiming guaranteed registration. Beneficiaries should only rely on official announcements and government portals for application updates. Women must also ensure that:

- Aadhaar details match bank records.

- Mobile number linked with Aadhaar remains active.
- e-KYC verification is completed on time.
- Bank accounts remain operational for DBT transfer.

Conclusion

The Annapurna Yojana 2026 has become one of the most discussed welfare schemes for women in West Bengal. With a proposed Rs 3,000 monthly DBT benefit, the scheme aims to strengthen financial security for millions of eligible women. As the rollout date approaches, beneficiaries are advised to complete Aadhaar-bank linking, update KYC details, and monitor official government announcements for fresh registration updates. The initiative reflects a growing focus on direct welfare delivery and women-centric financial support through transparent digital systems. If implemented smoothly, the Annapurna Yojana could become a major economic support system for women across the state.

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